

Triple twin delight

Melbourne City School launch



The passing of a pioneer:
Des Davey

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TWINS DELIGHT IN VCE AND COMMUNITY AID ACHIEVEMENTS

It was twin delight three times over at ELTHAM College when the 2007 VCE results were announced. Three sets of twins, Emma and Laura Browne, Monique and Simone Hardinge and Anna and Pia Van Koeverden, all firm friends, received ENTER scores ranging from 98.8 to 99.65.

The six girls were amongst the highest VCE performers at ELTHAM College and attributed some of their success to keeping things in perspective and having outside hobbies. All six students were involved in musical activities and the debating team, as well as participating on a range of school committees. The girls all agreed striking a balance was vital for VCE students.

"You need to find things to do outside of just study, otherwise you burn out pretty quickly," said Anna, who is now pursuing Optometry at Melbourne University, joined by Monique and Laura who are studying Arts, Simone who has entered Veterinary Science and Emma who is completing a Bachelor of Science.

Top scorer Pia Van Koeverden, who received an ENTER score of 99.65, and is now undertaking a Pharmacy degree at Monash University said it was important to make the most of extra-curricular opportunities at school.

After receiving their results the girls jetted off to Thailand and Laos with a

small group of ELTHAM staff and students for two weeks to do community work and visit a library for which they raised funds during Year 10. In 2005 the girls worked together to raise \$10,000 for a library to be built at the Sensarth High School in Laos, where former ELTHAM teacher, Melanie Kempster, was working at the time as an Australian Youth Ambassador, training primary school teachers.

The ELTHAM ambassadors were thrilled to be presented with a feast prepared by the Sensarth students in celebration of the library. 'It was great to see the library so established and that we had produced something of huge benefit to everyone in the school,' said Monique.

The girls can continue with their university studies heartened by the fact that a new brigade of ELTHAM students, inspired by their journey to Laos, is continuing their work as community aid torchbearers. The students, including Larissa Travassaras, Elsie Millington, Tim Hall and Mark Wood, are aiming to raise \$5000 to upgrade toilet facilities at Sensarth High School where currently 500 students have access to a total of three toilets.

A charity dinner was held on May 16 at ELTHAM's Hospitality Training Centre to commence fundraising towards this new goal achieving a total of \$2050. Further donations can be made by contacting 9437 1421.



2007 ELTHAM graduates Simone Hardinge, Laura Browne, Monique Hardinge, Ana Van Koeverden, Emma Browne and Pia Van Koeverden celebrate their friendship and achievements.

A UNIQUE PIONEER: DES DAVEY

OAM B.A., B.ED (MELB.) F.R.S.A. F.A.C.E.
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It took an extraordinary person and one with a unique vision of education, to turn an idea into the reality of students, staff and parents working together to produce a new and exciting educational experience. Such a person was Des Davey, and although we mourn his passing, we also give thanks for the legacy he left to us.

From 1974 to 1983, as the foundation Principal, Des brought to ELTHAM College a wealth of experience from his years at Geelong College and earlier at Warwick in Queensland. Des' sense of what was right for the times and the locale of ELTHAM meant that the College soon gained a reputation for academic innovation (including language study for all, Home Economics for boys, and non-denominational Religious Studies to name but three), environmental concern (his three-bin recycling system

was way ahead of its time), and pastoral care within a coeducational setting, which produced well-balanced graduates with talent and flair. Who from those early years will forget the Fire Engine, the Pink Shed, the Yamaha electric pianos, the yearly official openings of new buildings and the homilies at the first assembly of each new school year?

Any entity that endures depends on a sound foundation. Des (with his wife Audrey beside him, and his daughter Joanne, a student) built a foundation in the first ten years of the College's operation such that the ELTHAM of today has the capacity to be an educational leader in the 21st century.

Those who worked closely with Des will share a wry smile at the mention of two of Des' favourite words; 'unique' and 'pioneer'. What better way to sum up the man who breathed life into ELTHAM College.

ELTHAM College of Education presents the conversations about education café series

Step out of the winter chill and into a warm and casual conversation at one of our favourite local cafés as we explore the questions you have about your child's education. Get some great advice and share your ideas with like-minded parents in a relaxed setting.



2008 CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS EVENTS

Conversations about Education Café Series

Tuesday 29 July, 7.30pm
The right start
The Ridge Café, Eltham

Tuesday 12 August, 7.30pm
Finding a school that fits
Riverfront Deli, Warrandyte

Tuesday 26 August, 7.30pm
Finding a school that fits
Degani Bakery, Templestowe

Thursday 28 August, 7.30pm
Exploring opportunities for success in years 10-12
The Vines Café, Diamond Creek

Class of 1993 - 15 Year Reunion
Saturday 30 August
TBA

Class of 1988 - 20 Year Reunion
Saturday 11 October
ELTHAM Hospitality Centre

Nilumbik Open Cellars
Sunday 19 October, 11am - 5pm
ELTHAM Hospitality Training Centre - Swipers Gully Vineyard & Restaurant

ECCA Second-Hand Book Sale
November/December 2008
TBA

EJLA Trivia Night
Saturday 23 August, 6.30pm
Slovenian Club, 82 Ingrams Rd, Research

ELTHAM in Action College Tours
Research Campus & City Campus
See www.elthamcollege.vic.edu.au for 2008 tour dates

conversation one
**the right start:
primary education**

A chat about school readiness, building a good foundation, developing self-esteem and self-confidence, and understanding self-directed learning.
7.30-9.00pm Tuesday 29 July
The Ridge Café, 5/256 Bolton St Eltham
RSVP by Friday 25 July

conversation two
finding a school that fits: years 5-VCE

We look at how to find a school that fits your family and the questions you should ask when choosing a school that will prepare your child for their personal and work life.
7.30-9.00pm Tuesday 12 August
Riverfront Deli, 150 Yarra St Warrandyte
RSVP by Friday 8 August

conversation three
finding a school that fits: years 5-VCE

We look at how to find a school that fits your family and the questions you should ask when choosing a school that will prepare your child for their personal and work life.
7.30-9.00pm Tuesday 26 August
Degani Bakery Café, 25 Anderson St Templestowe
RSVP by Friday 22 August

conversation four
rethinking senior school: years 10-12

We discuss how the right senior school program will support your teenager's goals and provide the skills all young people need to succeed now and in the future.
7.30-9.00pm Thursday 28 August
The Vines Café, 11 Chute St Diamond Creek
Bookings by Tuesday 26 August



Please notify us of any change to your email address details to ensure you receive our event invitations.



Get Connected with ELTHAM's associations and find out more about events and activities featured in this edition of Connections.

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ELTHAM COLLEGE LAUNCHES A NEW CONCEPT IN EDUCATION: THE MELBOURNE CITY SCHOOL

The Melbourne City School, a new concept in education and a bold initiative of ELTHAM College, was officially launched at the Melbourne Town Hall on Monday 16 June, 2008. The launch received heavy national media attention and was attended by over 120 guests including the Lord Mayor, John So, Melbourne City Councillors, and representatives of the business and wider community.

Proceedings were opened by one of ELTHAM's six College Captains, Belinda Sharrock, who spoke of the importance of student voice and collaboration at ELTHAM College. She said, 'It's no surprise that some of the key players in the ELTHAM Board's decision to support this new school were my predecessors, last year's College Captains. Student voice, I know, will be a large part of the Melbourne City School, from the youngest up.'

The Lord Mayor, John So, and Harold Mitchell, Chairman of the Mitchell Communication Group, one of the founders of ELTHAM College and founding benefactor of the Melbourne City School, jointly launched the new school.

John So made the important link between the new school and Melbourne's future as Australia's knowledge capital. Harold Mitchell acknowledged ELTHAM College as an education innovator. He also spoke of the way in which global cities had used their 'docklands' to rejuvenate their cities, particularly their CBD. He linked this to development of Melbourne as a global city and the significance of relevant 21st century schooling to deliver its education needs.

In his address, CEO of the Melbourne City School, David Warner reflected on the importance of schooling in contributing to the growth and future success of Melbourne in the global knowledge economy through



ELTHAM students help showcase Melbourne City Schoolwear to the media.

the development of skilled knowledge workers. He foresaw that the Melbourne City School would follow ELTHAM College's lead as a model of schooling transformation for the 21st century. He said: 'I feel very proud that ELTHAM College, established as a new vision of schooling in 1974, has led the way with the launch of the first truly CBD school for families of today.'

Located in the heart of the Melbourne business precinct, the Melbourne City School program will set new standards in learning, across traditional literacy and numeracy areas and in the fundamental 21st century skills based around creativity, self management, problem solving, emotional intelligence and self esteem.

In addition, the school has been conceived to meet the lifestyle needs of families whose lives centre around the city, residentially, professionally, or both. The greater convenience of a city based school location will enable parents to spend extended quality time with their children at the beginning and end of the school day. A key feature of the school will be the seamless link between care and schooling and the opportunity for flexible hours and holidays. The school will operate from 7am-7pm, five days per week, 52 weeks per year, so that each family can personalise schooling to their needs.

The Melbourne City School Prep to Year 4 junior years campus will open in 2009, with plans for a middle years campus in 2010-2011 and a senior years campus in 2012. The location of the junior campus will be announced in coming weeks.

For further information on the Melbourne City School email info@melbournecityschool.com.au or phone Dr David Warner (03) 94339973 or Phil Truscott (03) 9433 9966

BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

ELTHAM COLLEGE KIDS BRINGS NEW FACE TO CHILD CARE & KINDERGARTEN

With the opening of its third Child Care & Kindergarten centre in January 2008, Foundation is on target to reach its goal of running five profitable child care centres by 2011. Now that the centres are established and growing, attention has turned to ensuring that the branding of the group continues the momentum of its development and captures the interest of the communities that each centre has been located to service.

In developing the brand Principal David Warner says, 'We wanted to ensure that the centres received the full benefit of the College's backing and outstanding reputation as a leader in education that really understands the needs of young people, in this instance, the very youngest members of our community.'

The ELTHAM College Kids brand was created for the centres to identify a strong association with the College and a direct focus on young children. 'The potential reciprocal benefits for the College and the centres are huge,' says Dr Warner. 'The child care centres encourage families to develop early ELTHAM loyalty and help build positive word of mouth about the College and its activities beyond our local catchment area. The College link enhances the reputation of the centres and gives families access to a very positive education based community. We all win.'

The College is also well aware of its maturing ExECS community of over 5000 members, many of whom have young families, and is hopeful that ELTHAM College Kids centres will attract their awareness and support.

The establishment of the ELTHAM College Kids brand, embodied in its vibrant and playful logo, will ensure the consistent promotion of the three current and all future centres and help to reduce associated advertising costs through a unified web site and promotional materials.



Visit ELTHAM College Kids online at www.elthamcollegekids.com.au for more information about Child Care & Kindergarten at Wallan, Eltham North and Laurimar



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REUNITING FRIENDSHIPS

Class of 1992 15 year reunion

On November 17, 2007, a relatively small but intimate gathering of EXECS took place at Swipers Gully. The class of '92 celebrated their 15 year reunion; for most of us it felt like we had just got together for our 10 Year Reunion. Throughout the evening, there was lots of laughter, reminiscing of old times, sharing baby stories and checking out photos that some of us wished did not exist...did we really look like that? By the end of the night, we found it difficult to leave as we were having so much fun and had so much more to catch up on. A common consensus was that our year group looked 'bloody good' for our age...so bring on the 20 Year reunion!

Class of 2007 First Reunion BBQ

The first trip back to ELTHAM as an EXECS is a strange one for some. Many have well and truly moved on, while some still genuinely feel part of the school. A large group of Class of 2007 graduates shared this experience on January 31. With the new and improved spread of food provided by EXECS, and a warm and sunny evening, it was a gentle introduction to life as an EXECS and an opportunity to catch up on news with friends and staff. After viewing the fabulous new EXECS DVD and listening to President, Justin Littlefield welcome them to the fold, we hope they will all remain just as connected!

Class of 1983 25 Year Reunion

Gathering EXECS for any reunion is no easy task, and 25 years on it just gets harder. Many of us are interstate or overseas, or just plain over committed! Nevertheless, a dedicated bunch of '83 graduates came together on March 1 for a fun and nostalgic night. Many had never been to a reunion at all, and surprisingly had not changed much. Personalities had stood the test of time, (if not just a bit mellowed). It was equally great to see a number of ex-staff attend and to catch up with their movements and memories. Many of the class of '83 wanted to, but were not able to, attend this function so the pressure is on to have another informal gathering later in the year.... stay tuned to the website for more info!

Class of 1998 10 Year Reunion

The Year of 1998 10 year reunion held on April 19 was a great success. Over 60 students from the rather small year level attended and apologies were sent from all around the world by those who couldn't make it. Many described themselves as apprehensive or nervous entering the venue, but the butterflies quickly disappeared. One or two drinks later it was like 1998 was only yesterday and the room was buzzing with conversation. The event progressed well into the night, and beyond the original venue, as old friends reunited, some for the first time since graduation. It was a fantastic feeling to see everyone having such a good time and to catch up with individuals on their personal journeys over the past 10 years.

1. Sean McLaughlin, Lauchie Macrae, Cassie Ting, Tamlyn Carr, David Pizzey and Glen Singleton 2. Shaun Paine, Tanya Smith, Sophie Avard 3. Shane Roos, Scott Ritter, Penny van Gelderen, Paul Wright 4. Class of 2007 graduates enjoy their first reunion 5. Campbell Sallabank, Vija Cah, Darren Webb, Ann Plush 6. Keith McKechnie, Elaine Rees, Pam (Ned) Wantless 7. Vanessa Garbutt (84), Kim Giles, (Inee Stringer), Robyn Myers, Jodi Rogers 8. Jason Zuechner, Elissa Walker, Alana Brazda 9. Andrew Hewitt, David Apostola, Shaun Ritchie, Will Carroll 10. Mylo Clarke, Phillip Grant, Chris Burgess, Mark Davis, Mark Angelatos



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CLASS OF 1998
Caroline Bam
After finishing my degree in Youth Work, I did what every Australian does and took off for Europe. After that I came back home, settled down and started working at the Department of Human Services as a Child Protection Worker to fund my travel habit. I now live in Sunbury and work for Mackillop Family Services as a senior Intake Practitioner.

Kirriily Tibb (nee Holland)
After many years of travel and study I managed to settle myself down and commit to a job and a bloke. I've been at Ford just on five years, now mainly working in Human Resources within their manufacturing department. I have also left my single days behind

and married Chris Tibb, an Aussie larrikin with a heart of gold, in February 2008.

Paul Connor
I finished a double degree of Mechanical Engineering and Industrial design at Monash University in 2004 and have since been working for Demain International, designing power tools. I recently got engaged (Dec 07) to Ruth Livesey (another EXECS, class of '96).

CLASS OF 1983
Darren Webb
I finished Uni with a Commerce Degree and CPA. Had an 'O.E.' year in Europe and returned with an Irish bride. Now we have three girls, (12, 9 and 7) and live locally in Templestowe. I established a business in 2001 supplying Bushfire Additives – the stuff you see occasionally on the news when helicopters and crop dusters bomb fires.

Vija Cah
I am a single parent with a nine-year-old daughter, working in a café in Kew, a job I love. I've travelled and lived overseas and have had lots of different jobs in many different areas. I'm very happy with my life at the moment, so if Mr Right comes along, it will just be a bonus!

Edward Youngs
I completed a Bachelor of Arts double major in Psychology and History, then travelled extensively throughout Europe, the Middle East and Asia. I've been a DJ on a community Radio Station and have worked for the Morgan Gallop Poll, now currently working for Connex. I'm married to a fellow traveller named Yvonne who shares many of my interests

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The EXECS Online Business Directory is up and running. This is the perfect opportunity to promote your business or service to other EXECS and potentially, the entire College community. To get the ball rolling EXECS are holding a monthly draw of a Dinner for Two at Swipers Gully. Just email your details to execs@elthamcollege.vic.edu.au; Name, Class Of, Industry Sector, Company Name, Company email and Web. Every month EXECS will randomly select a winner from those who have submitted their details. So promote your business or service and win a night out, a definite 'win win' situation!

ONLINE MESSAGING

The messaging service through the online directory is back! Write a message to your mates and have it automatically sent through to their current email address. Catch up and find old friends! But make sure your email address is listed correctly so you receive your messages directly.

IN MEMORIAM

Fiona Jane Rector (nee Bishop)

Fiona attended ELTHAM as one of the 50 founding students in 1975. She became one of the first ex-students to teach at the College and the first ex-student to have a child attend the school. She left ELTHAM and began a new career in outdoor education. She had a natural beauty and a shining personality that could light up a room. She loved and was loved by her close family, including her son Alan, her two brothers Damian and Justin, all ex-collegians and her mother Marion. She will be greatly missed.

Thomas Schindlmayr - Class of 1987

Thomas was a vibrant and active character at ELTHAM who went on to be the public face of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), United Nations, New York, in the US. Thomas worked to support the negotiations that led to the "Convention for Persons with Disabilities", adoption in 2006 and its eventual signing by 127 countries. Thomas, who was wheelchair bound due to a car accident at the age of four, simply worked to be treated and respected on an equal basis with others. He is greatly missed by his wife Julia, family and at the United Nations.



Want to let other EXECS know how you are going? You can do this in a number of ways: 1. Log on to www.execs.org.au and leave a diary entry for other EXECS to view 2. Send us an email with a short biography to be published in the next edition of *Connections* or 3. Send us an email notification for the EXECS Announcements section on the website for Births, Deaths, Engagements and Marriages.

CALLING YOUNG CRICKETERS!

Eltham Collegian Cricket Club is open to all members of the community and welcomes new junior and senior players. The junior program offers competitive Under 12 and Development level teams, Milo Have-a-Go clinics on Friday evenings for age 5+, and the ability for teens to experience senior level cricket. Junior registration is Friday 5 Sept. 4-6pm at the Sports Pavilion.



Contact Nancy on 9439 5855 for more info about Eltham Collegian Cricket Club



Join the fun of the under 12s at the Eltham Collegian Cricket Club

ELTHAM COLLEGIANS AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB IN FINE FORM

Season 2007 was undoubtedly a breakthrough year in the history of the Eltham Collegians Amateur Football Club. The Club has developed on and off the field over the past three years and this was rewarded with promotion to D3 grade. The Club will commence 2008 playing in the highest grade in its history and this will present a significant challenge, one that we have looked forward to for a number of years.

In 2007 we achieved great success on the field with both sides making the finals for the second consecutive year and our progress off the field took another significant step forward. Unfortunately, the year failed to deliver the ultimate goal of a senior premiership with the team losing the Grand Final to UHS-VU, although there was considerable consolation with the Reserves claiming victory in their Grand Final, also against UHS-VU. Both sides enjoyed remarkable success during the home and away season with the seniors finishing with a 16-2 win/loss record and the reserves recording 15-3 record.

Johnathan Garrard will continue as Senior Coach in 2008 with Paul Gregor assisting him and hopefully continuing his outstanding record as reserves coach. The Club will be led on the field by Senior Captains John Galvin and Ryan Foo. Our recent success has been built on the playing talent and commitment of a large group of EXECS who are graduates of ELTHAM College from the early to mid 2000s. These

EXECS have used the Club as a base for maintaining contact with their school friends whilst playing football in the strong VAFA competition and enjoying the tremendous facilities provided by ELTHAM College. The Club's members include EXECS from the 80s, 90s and 2000s as well as their friends and families.

The Eltham Collegians Amateur Football Club invites EXECS (recent graduates and those from years gone by!) to join our club and be part of our positive sporting and social environment.



ECAFC Captains Ryan Foo and Johnathan Garrard with Senior Coach John Galvin.



More information on our club and past players association is available at our website: elthamcollegiansfc.com



ECCA WELCOMES A NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM



ECCA President, Helen Woodman

Eltham College Community Association (ECCA) underwent a change of leadership and welcomed new members to the committee at its recent annual general meeting. Long-time President Lionel Ward stepped aside after a very devoted period of service. Under Lionel's leadership ECCA has rediscovered itself as a community network connecting College families, staff and community partners. The College would like to thank Lionel for his tireless contributions and his dedication in positioning ECCA where it is today.

At the 2008 April meeting of ECCA, Helen Woodman was nominated and elected as the new President. Helen has had a strong association with ECCA through her previous role as President of the Early Learning Association. She also plays a significant role as a Prep and Grade 2 Class Convener. Helen aims to build on the growth of ECCA to further expand representation at committee level and promote awareness and collaborative support for ECCA initiatives.

The newly elected Management Committee

PARENTS SUPPORTING ELTHAM TO RAISE FUNDS AND FRIENDS

This year, much of ECCA's energy has been devoted to carefully defining what we do, why we do it and how we can do it more effectively. Some of our 'friend-raising' initiatives continue to be very successful. In 2008 in particular, the Year 7 Welcome Barbecue and the New Parents Cocktail Party have brought together College families to celebrate the start of a new year and new friendships.

The Faye Alexander Jenkins Solo Exhibition, recently hosted at Swipers Gully Vineyard & Restaurant, drew many admirers and saw an extension to ELTHAM's highly successful MASTERWORKS. As the Bendigo Bank People's Choice Award winner at MASTERWORKS 2007, Faye presented 'Against the Odds & other Philosophies' – the creation of metaphors out of everyday life.

In 2008 high priority has been given to working with ELTHAM to identify specific fundraising projects that have long-term benefits and have a high degree of ECCA 'ownership'. ECCA has agreed to become a major sponsor of 'Greening ELTHAM', a program initiated by students to drive the College towards an environmentally sustainable ethos. ECCA's initial commitment in 2007 was \$73,000 to fund water tanks and water recycling.

How we accumulate sufficient funds to provide grants to these nominated projects shines a spotlight on our valued volunteers. ECCA members volunteer in many ways – ECCA Management Committee, class conveners, event organisers, and so on. The all new ECCA Management Committee will continue to work on forging closer, more effective interaction with

our members, whilst identifying where we can reduce costs and focus on those fundraising activities that generate the best return more commensurate with the work involved.

So let's celebrate the efforts of our volunteers and thank them for their successes! Give us a call to see how you can get involved!



Faye Alexander Jenkins, Against the Odds & other Philosophies

NATIONAL SUCCESS AND OLYMPIC SELECTION FOR OUR WHITE WATER CANOEISTS

Our year started in January with the Australian Schools Championships at the Penrith Whitewater Stadium in NSW. We had four paddlers competing (Al Anderson, Chris Peterson, Lewis Wylie and Tim Anderson). Tim and Al placed 2nd in their K1 events. This was followed by the Australian Championships where both Al and Tim paddled for the Victorian State Junior Team and placed 4th and 1st in their respective K1 events.

March saw ELTHAM combine with Ivanhoe Grammar for a beginners Family Camp on the Goulburn River near Eildon. The weather was cool but sunny and a group of new paddlers and their parents had a great time enjoying a spit roast dinner on the Saturday night around the camp fire.

The Yarra series began in April with the first of six events held at Warrandyte with a great time had by all over two days. The second event in May at Finns Reserve in Templestowe was preceded by some rain which meant the river had plenty of water allowing the kayakers to test their skills.

Earlier this year there were a number of selection trials for Olympic paddler selection and World Championships. A number of EXECS teamers gained selection for these events.

Warwick Draper K1 Men's Olympic Selection and World Cup Team
Mark Bellafiore C2 Olympic Selection and World Cup Team
Sarah Grant K1 Women's Under 22 and World Cup Team
Leanne Guinea K1 Women's Under 22 Team



ELTHAM paddlers enjoy a day out on the river.



Try paddling in the College pool each Monday at lunchtime - new paddlers welcome! For more info about Kayaking at ELTHAM go to the Friends of White Water Canoeing link on the College Intranet.

HOCKEY STARS CELEBRATE ELTHAM'S NEW PITCH

On a sweltering 40°C afternoon on March 17, players ran onto ELTHAM's new hockey pitch for the first time, watched by many current and former ELTHAM hockey students and families. An EXECS team, led by Josh Fraser, played the current College All-Stars, led by Sam Fraser, for the inaugural Michael Van Nugteren Trophy. The game was fought hard and in high spirits with a number of siblings on opposite sides making for a very competitive and entertaining game. Finally the EXECS emerged as champions, taking the match by one point.

It was wonderful to see so many old and new faces at the College supporting ELTHAM Hockey. Our ACS teams have continued in strong form in 2008 with the first ACS hockey final for the year won again by our senior boys for the sixth consecutive year. The new pitch will now allow our teams to train and play at school and will enable our younger junior years students to become part of this great sport.

Please join us later in the year for the official opening of the pitch (date to be advertised.)



ELTHAM's ExECS and College All Stars played the first match on ELTHAM's new state-of-the-art hockey pitch.